



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent and Alternative Education Contact

FROM: Sue Foxx, Alternative Education Specialist

DATE: February 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Alternative Education Distribution

Calculations for the distribution of Alternative Education grant funds for the 2008 calendar year indicate the payment amount to be \$601.09 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student. Your treasurer will receive one check for all of the approved alternative education programs operated by your school corporation in 2008. These funds should be credited to Fund 190, Receipt Account 3211 and must be used specifically for alternative education. If you need to figure the amount per program, multiply \$601.09 by the program's actual FTE as identified on the Full-Time Equivalent Student Report form that was submitted to the Indiana Department of Education.

The per FTE student amount continues to be less than the \$750 maximum due to the total number of participating students relative to the amount of total funding available for the grants. Given that the funding amount is fixed and the level of participation is not reported until the time of the distribution, it is very difficult to provide advance notice of the final distribution with any degree of certainty. We recognize that this creates budget challenges at the local level and have done all we can to maintain funding, including adding some of our administrative funds to the distribution.

We would like take this opportunity to remind you that each alternative education program must complete teacher and student surveys by April 1, 2009. The surveys are available online at www.doe.in.gov/alted in the Find It Fast section. The Alternative Education Renewal Grant for 2009-10 will also be posted to that site on April 1. Programs can submit their grant online anytime from April 1 through June 19, 2009. Finally, the DOE-AL Report will open May 1, 2009 and must be submitted through the STN site by July 10, 2009. Unlike the FTE Student Report, the DOE-AL documents actual participation in the alternative education program from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. In order to ensure accurate records, we highly recommend that alternative education program(s) use the excel spreadsheet located at www.doe.in.gov/stn/Sections/AL/AlternativeEd.html.

If you have any questions about these and other issues pertaining to alternative education, please e-mail sufoxx@doe.in.gov or call 317-233-3598.